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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU

Development and Extension of Health Services in the Eastern Region (Phase II)
(PER/78/004)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	February 1979
Starting date of project activities:	May 1978 (including Preparatory Assistance)
Planned completion date:	May 1981
To be executed by:	Panamerican Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
Government implementing agency:	Health Ministry - Directorate of Health Eastern Region
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$ 290,000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The Eastern Health Region which is comprised of the department of Loreto and the districts of Puerto Inca and Morovia in the province of Pachitea (Huánuco), has a total area of 461,748 square kilometers. The population is estimated at 634,000 inhabitants and the average density is 1.37 inhabitants per square kilometer. The mortality is 13.8 persons per 1,000, 60.5 per cent of whom are young people under 15 years of age. Half the population has practically no access to health services.

2. On the basis of the encouraging results of an earlier UNDP-assisted project, Development and Extension of Health Services in the Eastern Region (PER/74/007), 1/ the Government requested further UNDP assistance in this area which has been approved under the present project.

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II. Objectives and Activities

3. The long-range objectives of the project are to contribute to the regional development of the Eastern Region by the improvement of its health services through a progressive multisectoral approach which encourages community participation.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the health infrastructure; (b) control contagious diseases; (c) implement a programme of mother-child care; (d) promote an environmental sanitation programme; (e) improve the level of nutrition; (f) improve health information and statistics; and (g) train personnel.

5. To allow an early initiation of field activities pending the finalization of the project document, UNDP approved Preparatory Assistance with the objective of co-ordinating project activities with other economic and social sectors and other bilateral and multisectoral agencies working in the region. This present approval will enable these initial working activities to be consolidated and expanded.

III. Inputs

6. UNDP will provide through the Executing Agency, the services of one expert (chief technical adviser), as well as local and international training and equipment.

7. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government of Peru will make available qualified professional and supporting staff, office space, supplies and equipment, directly to the project.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved	Present approval	Total aproved
	$	$	$
Personnel	30,000	114,500	144,500
Training	17,000	40,500	57,500
Equipment	11,000	130,000	141,000
Miscellaneous	2,000	5,000	7,000
	60,000	290,000	350,000

9. The estimated total value expressed in US dollars of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $478,000 in kind.

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